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Junichi KATSUKI et al. : AUSTENITIC STAINLESS  
Serial No. 10/041,115 : STEEL LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO  
Filed January 8, 2002 : CRACKING DURING FORMING  
AND A MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF

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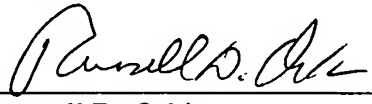
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